

Appl. No.: 10/812,748

Amdt. dated: 12/14/2005

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the Office action of December 1, 2005 claims 18-31 were allowed; claims 1, 12, 17, 33 and 34 were rejected and claims 2-11, 13-16 and 32 were objected to. Allowance of claims 18-31 is acknowledged.

The claims were objected to because claims 33-35 were numbered incorrectly. The incorrectly numbered claims were renumbered 32-34, respectively, according to the office action. In the listing of claims above, claims 32-34 are numbered as the numbering was revised by the office action.

Claims 1, 33 and 34 stand finally rejected as anticipated by Knott (US 5, 595,465) and claims 12 and 17 stand finally rejected as anticipated by Andre (US 5,080,541). The applicants request cancellation of claims 1, 12, 17, 33 and 34 without prejudice.

Claims 2-11, 13-16 and 32 stand objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants request amend of claims 2, 13 and 32 to incorporate the limitations of the respective base claims, delete the redundant words "of said screw" following "rotation" in claims 2 and 13 and insert a missing word "shaft" following "motor" in claim 32. Claims 3-11 and 14-16 are, respectively, dependent from claims 2 and 13 and the applicants respectfully submit since claims 2 and 13, as amended, are allowable; claims 3-11 and 14-16 are allowable. The applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 2-11, 13-16 and 32.

The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with applicant's attorney would

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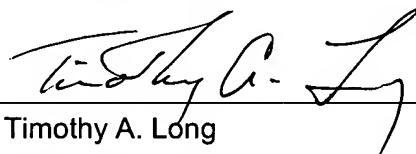
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advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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